CRPClustering: An R Package for Bayesian Nonparametric Chinese Restaurant Process Clustering with Entropy

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Abstract

Clustering is a scientific method which finds the clusters of data and many related methods are traditionally researched. Bayesian nonparametrics is statistics which can treat models having infinite parameters. Chinese restaurant process is used in order to compose Dirichlet process. The clustering which uses Chinese restaurant process does not need to decide the number of clusters in advance. This algorithm automatically adjusts it. Then, this package can calculate clusters in addition to entropy as the ambiguity of clusters.

Introduction

Clustering is an analytical method in order to find the clusters of data and many related methods are proposed. K-means[1] and Hierarchical clustering[2] are famous algorithmic methods. Density-based clustering[3] is the method that finds clusters by calculating a concentration of data. In statistical methods, there are stochastic ways such as bayesian clustering[4]. However these methods need to decide the number of clusters in advance. Therefore if the data is both high dimensions and a complex, deciding the accurate number of clusters is difficult. Bayesian nonparametric method[5] composes infinite parameters by Dirichlet process[6]. Dirichlet process is the infinite dimensional discrete distribution that is composed by Stocastic processes like a chinese restaurant process (CRP)[7] or stick-breaking process[8]. CRP does not need to decide the number of clusters in advance. This algorithm automatically adjusts it. We implement the CRP Clustering and the method which calculates the entropy[9] into R package. Then, we explain the clustering model and how to use it in detail and execute simulation by example datasets.

Background

Chinese Restaurant Process

Chinese restaurant process is a metaphor looks like customers sit at a table in Chinese restaurant. All customers except for x_i have already sat at finite tables. A new customer x_i will sit at either a table which other customers have already sat at or a new table. A new customer tends to sit at a table which has the number of customers more than other tables. A probability equation is given by

$$p(z_i = k | x_{1:n}, z_{1:n}^{\backslash i}, \alpha, \mu_0, \rho_0, a_0, b_0)$$
$$= \begin{cases} p(x_i | \mu_k, \tau) \times \frac{n_k^{\backslash i}}{n-1+\alpha} & if \quad k \in K^+(Z_{1:n}^{\backslash i}), \\ p(x_i | \mu_k, \tau) \times \frac{\alpha}{n-1+\alpha} & \mu_k \sim N(\mu_0, (\tau\rho_0)^{-1}I) \quad if \quad k = |K^+(Z_{1:n}^{\backslash i})| + 1. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $n_k^{\backslash i}$ denotes the number of the customers at a table k except for i and α is a concentration parameter.

Markov Chain Monte Carlo Methods for Clustering

Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods[10] are algorithmic methods to sample from posterior distributions. If conditional posterior distributions are given by models, it is the best way in order to acquire parameters from posterior distributions. The algorithm for this package is given by

i) ii) iterations continue on below:
i) Sampling z_i for each i $(i = 1, 2, \cdots, n)$

$$p(z_i = k | x_{1:n}, z_{1:n}^{\backslash i}, \alpha, \mu_k, \Sigma_k,)$$
$$= \begin{cases} N(x_i | \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \times \frac{n_k^{\backslash i}}{n-1+\alpha}, \\ N(x_i | \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \times \frac{\alpha}{n-1+\alpha} \qquad \mu_k \sim N(\mu_{new}, \Sigma_{new}). \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

$$z_i \sim Multi(p(z_i = 1), p(z_i = 2), \cdots, p(z_i = \infty)), \tag{3}$$

where k is a k th cluster and i is a i th data. μ_{new} and Σ_{new} are calculated from all data.

ii) Calculating parameters for each k $(k = 1, 2, \cdots, \infty)$

$$\mu_k = \overline{x_k}, \tag{4}$$
$$\Sigma_{k_{ij}} = Cov(x_{ki}, x_{kj}) \times (1 + \frac{n_k}{n}), \tag{5}$$
$$\overline{x_k} = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta(z_i = k) x_i, \tag{6}$$
$$\mu_{new} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i, \tag{7}$$
$$\Sigma_{new_{ij}} = Cov(x_i, x_j). \tag{8}$$
$$\tag{9}$$

Iterations i) ii) continue by $iteration$ number, and Σ_k is a variance-covariance matrix of kth cluster. Cov is covariance. i and j are rows and columns' number of $\Sigma_{k_{ij}}$ and $\Sigma_{new_{ij}}$. First several durations of iterations which are called as $burn\_in$ are error ranges. For that reason, $burn\_in$ durations are abandoned.

Clusters Entropy

Entropy denotes the ambiguity of clustering. As a result of a simulation, data x_i joins in a particular cluster. From the total numbers n_k of the particular cluster k at the last iteration, a probability p_k at each cluster k is calculated. The entropy equation is given by

$$Entropy = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n_k}{n} \log_2 \frac{n_k}{n}. \tag{10}$$

Installation

CRPClustering is available through GitHub (https://github.com/jirotubuyaki/CRPClustering) or CRAN (https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=CRPClustering). If download from GitHub, you can use devtools by the commands:

```
> library(devtools)
> install_github("jirotubuyaki/CRPClustering")
```

Once the packages are installed, it needs to be made accessible to the current R session by the commands:

```
> library(CRPClustering)
```

For online help facilities or the details of a particular command (such as the function crp_train) you can type:

```
> help(package="CRPClustering")
```

Methods

Implemented by C++ using GNU Scientific Library

This package is implemented by C++. Please install GNU Scientific Library. Programs are compiled. If you are interested in source codes by R and C++. Please check GitHub (https://github.com/jirotubuyaki/CRPClustering).

Method for Chinese Restaurant Process Clustering

```
> result <- crp_train(data,
                      alpha=1,
                      burn_in=100,
                      iteration=1000
                      plot=TRUE
                      )
```

This method calculates CRP clustering. Let arguments be:
- data: a data.frame of data for clustering. row is each data i and column is dimensions of each data i.
- alpha: a numeric of a CRP concentration rate.
- burn_in: an iteration integer of burn in.
- iteration: an iteration integer.
- plot: a logical type of whether plot a result or not.

Let return be:
- result : a list has three elements. The "clusters" is cluster number and joined data number and cluster's mean and variance matrix. The "max" is the cluster number for data i join in. The "z" is the iteration history for an each data i join in clusters.

Predict Which Cluster Data Join In

This method predicts which cluster data join in.

```
> predict <- crp_predict(data, result)
```

Let arguments be:
- data: a data.frame of data for clustering. row is each data i and column is dimensions of each data i.
- result: return result from method "crp_train".

Let return be:
- predict: an array denotes first colum is joined cluster and nexts are joined probability for each result cluster.

Matrix Visualization For Predicting

```
> crp_plot(data, predict)
```

This method exhibits multi dimensional plot matrix. Let arguments be:
- data: a data.frame of data for clustering. Row is each data i and column is dimensions of each data i.
- predict: return from method "crp_predict".

Visualization of Clusters' Probability Data i Join in.

```
> crp_plot_z(i, result = result)
```

Let return be:
- i: a number of an each data i.
- result: return from crp_train method.

Simulation

We use dataset from Clustering basic benchmark(http://cs.joensuu.fi/sipu/datasets/)[11].
If increase α parameter, new clusters tend to increase. burin_in iterations are abandoned.
The result is plotted and each data joins in any cluster. The graph is given by below:
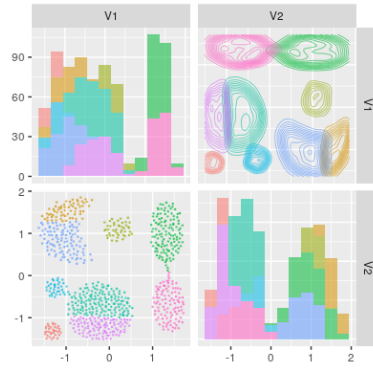

Figure 1: Aggregation: Data is 788 elements and 2 dimentions. Parameters are set as alpha=1, burnin=100, iteration=1000.
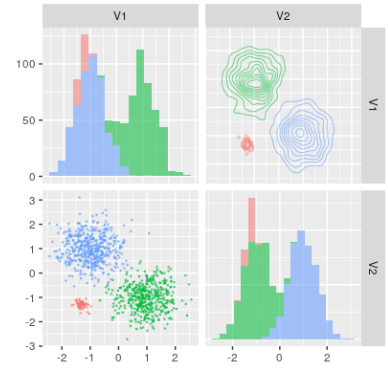

Figure 2: 3 normal distribution: Data is 1000 elements and 2 dimentions. Parameters are set as alpha=0.5, burnin=100, iteration=1000.
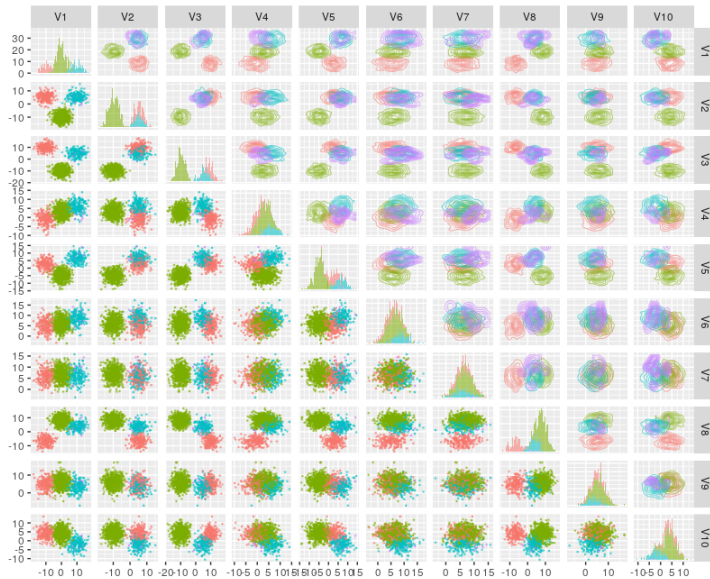

Figure 3: 10 dimentional normal distributions: Data is generated from 10 dimentional normal distributions and parameters are set as alpha=1, burnin=100, iteration=1000.

Conclusions

Chinese restaurant process clustering was implemented and explained how to use it. Computer resources are limited. Computer processing power is the most important problem. After this, several improvements are planed. Please send suggestions and report bugs to okadaalgorithm@gmail.com.

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